

SENATE BILL NO. 463

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING PROVISIONS ~~GOVERNING REQUIRED~~ RELATED TO FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION ALONG U.S. HIGHWAY 2; REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SEEK FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE A STATE MATCH; REMOVING THE PROHIBITION ON EXPENDING RESOURCES THAT WOULD JEOPARDIZE FUTURE HIGHWAY PROJECTS; AND AMENDING SECTION 60-2-133, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 60-2-133, MCA, is amended to read:

"60-2-133. U.S. highway 2 -- planning --funding. (1) The commission shall ~~shall~~ MAY direct the department to construct a four-lane highway generally along the present route of U.S. highway 2 from the North Dakota border to the Idaho border in order to increase tourism and to bring economic development to Montana. Planning for the U.S. highway 2 project must be included in any future fiscal plan developed by the department.

~~(2) The department shall seek additional federal funding that does not require a state funding match for the U.S. highway 2 project.~~

~~(3) The department may not expend any resources on the U.S. highway 2 project that would jeopardize any future highway projects."~~

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